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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
 Appl. No. 09/177,387; Filed: October 23, 1998  
 For: Recombinational Cloning Using Nucleic Acids Having Recombination  
 Sites

Inventors: Hartley *et al.*  
 Our Ref: 0942.2850004/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Three pages of Form PTO-1449 citing 21 documents;
3. A copy of each of the 21 cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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**Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

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Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to the Applicants in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of the documents is also included herewith.

The numbering on this Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed October 27, 2000, and in Applicants' Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed March 22, 2000, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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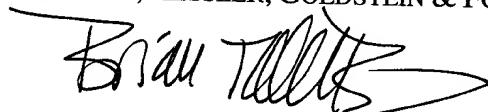
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

This Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the Request for Continued Examination filed in the present matter on July 30, 2002. It is believed that no statement or fee is required. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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